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"A Review of the American Species of Stromateidæ," by Morton W. Fordice.

*A Glacial Pebble.*—Dr. DANIEL G. BRINTON exhibited a supposed stone implement, obtained from the glacial drift in Butler County, Ohio, sent to him by its finder, for examination. He observed that, while there is no inherent improbability in such a discovery—as it is quite likely that man, or at least an implement-making animal, existed on this continent during the glacial epoch—this particular specimen does not offer convincing evidence that it is a work of art. It is a polished stone, resembling an axe. Both these facts are against it. The axe type appears late in the stone age, and nowhere, except in California, have geologists gone so far as to put the age of polished stone so far back in time as the tertiary period. In that enterprising State, the men of science claim that, not merely fine, but the very finest, examples of polished stone ever found in either continent are exhumed, *in situ originali*, from gravels of the pliocene and post-pliocene epochs (Foster, "Prehistoric Races of America," p. 55). This is in direct conflict with everything yet known of the older stone age elsewhere.

The present specimen illustrated anew how natural forces occasionally simulate in their products the results of hand-work. The criteria of the latter are, however, well-ascertained, and by observing them one can scarcely be deceived in examining any series of examples.

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Mr. GEORGE W. TRYON, JR., in the chair.

Forty-one persons present.

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